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1. On 30 June 1949, Dmitri Sidorov, Director of the USIA Construction and Building Materials Administration, stated that a commission for the assessment of this administration's property had been established. The commission is composed of four permanent members: Chief, Osipov, Commercial Director of the Construction Administration; Deputy Chief, the Austrian director of Bahnbedarf A.G.\*; Kuvchinski\*\*; Andreyev\*\*, and one temporary member, the Soviet director of a USIA firm being chosen in each case.
2. The commission is to inspect all USIA-controlled firms administered by the Construction and Building Materials Administration to determine the best equipment and materials to be repaired, shipped to the USSR or scrapped. The Austrian director of Bahnbedarf serves as a technical advisor, assessing the cost repair of machinery to be retained or sold. Sidorov allegedly stated that the best machinery is scheduled for repair and shipment to the USSR within three years. Other machinery will be repaired and sold as soon as possible.
3. The material to be scrapped is turned over to Soviet Director Pritzger\*\*\* of Eisen-und Stahl A.G. Pritzger is to supervise the cutting of the scrap into pieces of 60 cm or less. The scrap will be sold to the Swiss firm, Frigalment, for dollars.
4. On 30 June 1949, the commission inspected material stocks at Bahnbedarf A.G. Material for immediate sale was marked "V"; material to be scrapped was marked "W" with a white cross; material for repair was marked with a white circle. No inspection was made of machinery and tools now being used by Bahnbedarf. According to source, a special inventory of machinery and tools will be made in minute detail. Source believes that the Soviets will claim a considerable amount of this machinery as CEM material for shipment to the USSR.
5. [REDACTED] that similar commissions may have been established in other USIA administrations to inventory USIA property for the purpose of scrapping all material which cannot be claimed as CEM and shipped to the USSR.\*\*\*\*

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**Comment:** According to a 1949 Vienna directory, the director of Bahnbedarf A.G. is Erich Weihs.

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Comment: According to [REDACTED] Kuvchinski is sales chief of the Sales and Purchases Department of the Construction and Building Materials Administration. This same report lists an Andreev (fnu) in the Metallurgical and Coal Administration of USIA. [REDACTED] mentions an Andreyev who, with Sidorov, handles the placement of USIA orders with Bahnbedarf A.G.

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Comment: Possibly identical with Prizka who is listed in [REDACTED] as Commercial Director of the Metallurgical and Coal Administration of USIA.

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Comment: Another agency has reported that this information regarding the formation of commissions is confirmed in reports evaluated [REDACTED] Commissions at Berndorfer Metallwarenfabrik A.G. Enzesfeld, and a USIA-controlled factory at Markt1 also measured and counted all windows and doors of these installations.

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